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Applicants:	Bonnert, Timothy P.		
Serial No.:	09/445,614	Case No.:	T1481
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For:	HUMAN VANILLOID RECEPTOR-LIKE RECEPTOR		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

In the Specification

Insert the following paragraph into the specification on page 1, line 2:

6¹ This application claims priority to GB Application No. 9827016.8, filed December 8, 1998, now abandoned.

In the Claims

Amend claim 3 with the clean version provided immediately below to read as follows:

6² 3 (Twice Amended). A recombinant polynucleotide comprising the complement of the polynucleotide of Claim 2.